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PETITION FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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The U.S. Patent Office issued a Notice to File Missing Parts of NonProvisional Application on June 9, 2000, requiring a response by August 9, 2000. Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the Notice. A check is enclosed to cover the \$445 fee for a three month extension of time. Accordingly, a response is now due November 9, 2000.

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Respectfully submitted,

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